Review of adverse effects on Indian industries

†779. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to review the adverse effects on the Indian industries as a result of lifting of import-export restrictions under the World Trade agreement;

(b) if so, the names of such worst-affected industries which have been brought to the notice of Goverment; and

(c) by when Government propose to complete this review?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Representations have been received from certain sections of domestic industry expressing their apprehensions about the likely adverse impact of import restrictions removal. The industries, which have represented on the issue, include producers of umbrella, glass/ ceramic products salt, footwear, toy, writing instruments, automotive tyres, marble and edible oil etc.

Government has decided to constitute an Inter-Ministerial Group to study the impact of removal of quantitative restrictions. Besides, a Group of Ministers has been entrusted with the task of suggesting ways and means of empowering the SSI Sector. The group will be suggesting remedial measures from time to time.

Increase in import duty on edible oil

†780. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representative from edible oil industry have demanded increase in import duty edible oil;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken or propose to take any decision on the said demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and what will be its effect on the oil producers in the country in the import duty is not increased?

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